

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic device, comprising:
a field sequential liquid crystal display with a liquid crystal layer and a plurality of color backlights; and
a control module for controlling the continuous illumination of one or more of the plurality of color backlights to provide a monochromatic source of light behind the liquid crystal layer.
2. The device of claim 1, wherein individual intensities of the one or more of the plurality of backlights are selected to achieve a user selected color.
3. The device of claim 1, wherein individual intensities of the one or more of the plurality of backlights are minimized while providing a user acceptable contrast level.
4. The device of claim 1, wherein a output intensity of one or more of the plurality of backlights is set to zero.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein only one backlight is illuminated.
6. The device of claim 5, wherein the backlight with the lowest power consumption is selectively illuminated.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the continuous illumination of the one or more of the plurality of backlights is one of a plurality of display modes that can be selected by the user.
8. The device of claim 1, wherein the frame rate frequency of the field sequential liquid crystal display is set to between about 24 and about 70 Hertz.
9. The device of claim 1, wherein the frame rate frequency of the field sequential liquid crystal display is set to between about 24 and about 40 Hertz.

10. A method for providing a monochromatic background display mode in an electronic device having a field sequential liquid crystal display with a plurality of color backlights, comprising:

continuously illuminating one or more of the plurality of color backlights of the field sequential liquid crystal display.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein individual intensities of the one or more of the plurality of backlights are selected to achieve a user selected color.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein the individual intensities of the one or more of the plurality of backlights are minimized while providing a user acceptable contrast level.

13. The method of claim 10, wherein the output intensity of one or more of the plurality of backlights is set to zero.

14. The method of claim 10, wherein only one backlight is illuminated.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the backlight with the lowest power consumption is selectively illuminated.

16. The method of claim 10, wherein the continuous illumination of one or more of the plurality of backlights is one of a plurality of display modes that can be selected by the user.

17. An electronic device, comprising:

a field sequential liquid crystal display with a liquid crystal layer and a plurality of color backlights; and

a control module for controlling the continuous illumination of one or more of the plurality of backlights to provide a monochromatic source of light behind the liquid crystal layer

wherein the frame rate frequency of the field sequential liquid crystal display is set to between about 24 and about 40 Hertz, and the individual intensities of the one or more of the plurality of backlights are selected to achieve a user selected color.